

CHAPTER 3

SECTION 2.5

LIPOSUCTION

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I. PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

15876-15879

II. DESCRIPTION

Surgical aspiration of subcutaneous fat.

III. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Liposuction may be considered for cost-sharing when used as a substitute for the scalpel for:

- A. Correction of reconstruction defects (e.g., flap defatting), or
- B. Correction of trauma defects (e.g., subcutaneous deformities following trauma), or
- C. Non-malignant neoplastic and/or subcutaneous disorders (such claims should be accompanied with histologic/pathology report).
- D. Reconstruction procedures performed as a prelude to the fitting of orthopedic prosthesis.
- E. Correction of congenital anomalies.
- F. Other conditions when determined by medical review to be medically necessary and appropriate treatment for the patient's condition.

IV. EXCLUSIONS

Liposuction for body contouring.

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